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SUBJECT: TUTANKHAMUN EXHIBITION
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1. DEPT. ALSO CONCERNED OVER FAIR GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION, AND IT WAS ESSENTIALLY THIS FACTOR WHICH LED TO CONCLUSION THAT PHILADELPHIA SHOULD HAVE "5 PHARAOHS" SHOW. SINCE MOKHTAR HAS AGREED TO PHILADELPHIA AS ADDITIONAL, SIXTH SITE, THIS DIFFICULTY OVERCOME. HOVING DOUBTS THAT PREPARATIONS CAN BE COMPLETED IN TIME FOR JULY 4, 1976 OPENING. FOR THIS AND OTHER REASONS, DEPT. STILL FAVORS LATE 1976 OPENING AT NATIONAL GALLERY. THERE WILL IN ANY CASE BE TREMENDOUS PRESSURES ON PRESIDENT'S SCHEDULE JULY 4 (WHEN, AMONG MANY OTHER THINGS, SMITHSONIAN AIR AND SPACE MUSEUM SCHEDULED TO OPEN) AND CHANCES FOR HIS PARTICIPATION IN TUTANKHAMUN OPENING WOULD BE MUCH BETTER ON ANOTHER DATE. HOWEVER, AS NOTED REFTTEL, THESE QUESTIONS PROBABLY BEST LEFT TO ACTUAL NEGOTIATIONS.

2. METROPOLITAN DIRECTOR HOVING, VICE DIRECTOR FOR
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OPERATIONS RICHARD MORSHES AND EGYPTIAN CURATOR

CHRISTINE LILYQUIST SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE CAIRO JUNE 5
AT 1815 ABOARD JAL FLIGHT 452. SOLMSEN (COMING FROM
LONDON) PLANS TO ARRIVE SAME FLIGHT. ALL VISITORS PLAN
DEPART JUNE 11 AT 0835 ON TWA 841.

3. DEPT. BELIEVES SIMPLEST FORM INTERGOVERNMENTAL
AGREEMENT WOULD BE EXCHANGE OF NOTES, WHICH HAS BEEN
DONE IN SIMILAR CASES. DRAFT OF NOTE, BASED ON
BRITISH AGREEMENT BUT ALLOWING FOR DIFFERENT
CIRCUMSTANCES, IS BEING PREPARED AND WILL BE FORWARDED
TO EMBASSY ASAP. INGERSOLL

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